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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: FY 1983 NFIP Budget Overview -
HPSCI Hearing, 23 February 1982

1. The DDCI presented the first overview of the FY 1983 NFIP budget to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Program & Budget Authorization, from 0930-1215 on Tuesday, 23 February. He was accompanied by [] Director, Intelligence Community Staff. []

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HPSCI members in attendance were:

*Edward P. Boland, Chairman
*Norman Y. Mineta
*Bob Stump
Charles Rose
Romano Mazzoli
*J. Kenneth Robinson
*G. William Whitehurst
*C.W. Bill Young

Staff attendees were:

Tom Latimer, Staff Director
Mike O'Neil
Pat Long
*Jim Bush
*Marty Faga
*Duane Andrews
*Annette Smiley
Dick Giza
Herb Romerstein

(*Indicates members and staff of the P&BA Subcommittee)

2. Chairman Boland began by praising the prepared statement for the record as an "excellent statement, well documented and prepared." The DDCI walked through the 20 charts in the material provided to the Committee, elaborating on each as appropriate and in response to questions. (Addressees are referred to the Talking Points, [] or an outline of the testimony closely representative of what actually transpired in the hearing.)

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3. After the USSR segment (chart 6) the DDCI paused to take several questions. Mr. Robinson asked whether SIGINT and IMAGERY would continue to take [] percent of NFIP resources--Adm. Inman said that the limiting factor on HUMINT expansion is the recruiting and training pipeline, but that HUMINT would expand proportionately in the outyears. Mr. Rose asked about a report that the President had recently cited "supersecret information" on the Soviet threat, and the DDCI said that he believed the President was referring to a briefing by [] DIA, which he commended to the members. []

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4. As the briefing proceeded, Mr. Robinson expressed interest in the CIA's reported development of a political instability model; Mr. Rose shared his interest in the use of such a model as a tool for analysts. []

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5. Adm. Inman cautioned the Committee that the SAFE program may be in difficulty. He said that more detail would be forthcoming during the hearings on the CIAP and GDIP. []

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6. The presentation ended at approximately 1100, and Chairman Boland led off the general question session with his concern about Targets/Topics organization of the CJBs. He praised the Targets/Topics idea in an overview context, but felt that for the analysis of individual programs, systems books were still needed. The DDCI urged the Committee to keep an open mind on this issue, and not to assume that a change is necessarily bad nor an attempt to deprive the members or staff of needed information. Mr. Robinson echoed Mr. Boland's concern and reminded the DDCI that NFIP review still has to mesh with the Defense bill, which is organized in a different format. Adm. Inman mentioned the difficulty of presenting the budget to two authorizing committees in two different versions, citing SSCI approval of the Targets/Topics format. Mr. Robinson later read into the record a portion of the Appropriations classified annex which directed that the Program CJBs remain in systems format. This issue was virtually the only contentious one at the hearing. Staff later suggested that more detailed explanation of the new format would be necessary before they were convinced that it provides them with the data they feel they must have. []

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7. Mr. Boland raised the CIA overseas pay issue and suggested that Committee staff meet with CIA staff to work out an agreed position. (CIA Comptroller will be provided with exact language as soon as the transcript is available.) []

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8. Mr. Young and other members expressed interest in enhanced counter-intelligence capability. The DDCI recounted an effort to fund additional positions for the FBI in this discipline, as yet unsuccessful, but hopefully a matter for NSC level review. (Minority staff later indicated that this topic was of great interest to Republican members and would be a recurring theme in later hearings.) []

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9. Mr. Robinson asked about the possibility of cuts to this year's request, and the DDCI explained that about the only good part of the long draw down of intelligence resources and manpower was that it had forced the Community to take a hard look at and eliminate marginal programs. He said that there is no fat left--we would have preferred a 35 percent increase but have limited our request to that which we feel we can execute. He cited the DCID 1/2 process as a part of the [] effort to try to review priorities, lowering them when possible. []

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10. In response to Mr. Stump's question on technology transfer, Adm. Inman spoke of the ongoing effort at the DCI committee level to study this issue. He told Mr. Mineta that there were initiatives in the 83 budget stimulated by this issue, and that there may be recommendations for legislation to correct perceived problems. []

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13. In response to Mr. Boland's final question, the DDCI said that he and Mr. Casey were in agreement that the NFIP budget totals should remain classified, and he pointed to the fact that this year the IC Staff figures would be reported only in classified form as well. [REDACTED]

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14. Chairman Boland closed the hearing by complimenting the DDCI and Mr. [REDACTED] on their forthright and persuasive presentation. There will be questions presented for record answers after the staff has had a chance to review the transcript. The session was adjourned at 1215. [REDACTED]

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